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FATAL PEDESTRIAN COLLISION NORTH ALVERNON WAY, SOUTH OF EAST THIRD STREET

The Tucson Police Department was notified of a collision involving a pedestrian in the area of North Alvernon Way and East Third Street via a 911-call at approximately 12:07 p.m. on March 20, 2012. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area and discovered that an elderly female had been struck by a vehicle in an area just south of the intersection of North Alvernon Way and East Third Street. The female was suffering from life threatening injuries. Emergency medical personnel from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the scene as well. They transported her to a local hospital for emergency medical treatment. Unfortunately, the female, described as an **81-year old Caucasian woman**, succumbed to her injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit responded to the scene in order to further the investigation. They examined and collected roadway evidence as well as conducted interviews with the driver of the vehicle and witnesses to the incident. They learned that the elderly female was walking northbound in a sidewalk area along the west side of North Alvernon Way. The driver of the vehicle, a silver 2006 Toyota Camry, was exiting a private drive on the west side of North Alvernon Way, preparing to make a right turn to drive southbound on North Alvernon Way. The vehicle struck the female pedestrian as she began to cross in front of the vehicle. The driver remained at the scene and fully cooperated with the investigation. He was cited for the **civil traffic violation of Failure to Yield from a Private Drive**. There was no indication that drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2011 - 9

3 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
2 Motorcycle

For 2012 - 9

2 Pedestrian
0 Bicycle
3 Motorcycle

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